

**MINUTES
OF THE STUDY SESSION OF THE
EDINA CITY COUNCIL HELD AT CITY HALL
SEPTEMBER 23, 2008
7:00 A.M.**

Mayor Hovland called the meeting to order at 7:00 A.M. in the Community Room of Edina City Hall. Answering rollcall were: Members Bennett, Housh, Masica, Swenson and Mayor Hovland. Attending from the Edina Transportation Commission were Geof Workinger and Jennifer Janovy (also on the Bike Edina Task Force) and Sara Jacobs from the Bike Edina Task Force. Staff present included: Gordon Hughes, City Manager; Heather Worthington, Assistant City Manager; Wayne Houle, City Engineer; Jack Sullivan, Assistant Engineer; Chuck Rickart, WSB, Consultant; and Debra Mangel, City Clerk.

Mayor Hovland said the purpose of the study session was to review the Transportation Chapter of the draft Comprehensive Plan. Member Masica commented that there was a rumor circulating there was no intention to finish the review of the draft Comp Plan by year end. Mayor Hovland said he believed the Council was to finish their work in October and submit the draft plan to Met Council by November.

Manager Hughes assured the Council there was no intent to defer a decision on the draft plan until 2009. He stated staff was willing to meet whenever the Council desired to complete the review. He suggested that the Council also discuss whether they want to hold a public hearing on the revised draft plan.

The Council conducted a review of Chapter 7 Transportation Plan. Included in the discussion were: Edina's functional classification of roadways and its difference with Met Council's listing of functional classification of roadways, how the functional classification was developed, criteria used to derive terms with which streets and roads have been labeled, how changing roadway classification could impact availability of state or federal funds, desire for development of an overarching narrative to describe departure from functional classification, Bike Edina Task Force Comprehensive Bike Plan and its need for inclusion in the Comprehensive Plan, need to review draft plan for consistency of terminology and references between chapters, Traffic Demand Management Plans development and use, crash reduction strategies for major trouble points, working with various agencies and jurisdictions on 25 mph speed limit, transportation as it relates to transit, speed reduction strategy for school zones, development of park and ride locations and possible funding sources for updating TH 62 interchange. Staff noted suggested revisions and corrections during the review.

The Council discussed the timing and process for adopting a final draft of the Comprehensive Plan for submittal to the Metropolitan Council. They felt they could review the remaining chapters: Heritage Preservation, Water Resources, Park, Energy and Environment and Community Services in one more work session set for 5:00 p.m. October 7, 2008. The Council will e-mail any issues to the City Manager regarding these chapters by September 30, 2008. The issues will be consolidated to facilitate discussion on October 7th.

It was decided that the revisions will be completed and the revised red-lined draft will be submitted to the Council in its entirety in late October. The updated draft will also be posted online. The Council will give staff any final updates November 3, 2008, and those will also be posted on the web as soon as possible. It was anticipated that a hearing date would be set for November 18, 2008, to consider the final draft and presumably approve that draft for submission to Met Council.

Member Masica left the meeting at 9:45 a.m. Mayor Hovland declared the meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Mangel, City Clerk